

REMARKS

Claims 9-12, 15-18 and 20-49 are cancelled without prejudice.

Claims 1-6, 8, 14, and 19 are amended.

Claims 1-8, 13, 14, and 19 are pending.

Applicants reserve all rights to submit the cancelled claims and/or other like claims in one or more continuing/divisional patent applications.

Claim Objections:

The Office Action stated objections to Claims 11, 12, 17, 18, 22, 23, 32, 33, 38, 39, and 40-44. These claims have been cancelled.

Claim Rejections:

Claims 1-6 stand rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by Yamamoto et al. (US 20030234844 A1).

Applicants respectfully request that the rejections be reconsidered and withdrawn given the clarifying amendments to the remained independent claim and for at least the following clearly patently differentiating reasons.

Independent Claim 1 is drawn to a printer consumable that includes a printer interface end and a user interface end. A handle portion and finger stops are integral with the user interface end. The user interface end has “a cross-sectional area that is less than the surface area of the printer interface end”. The finger stops, which are positioned between the printer interface end and the user interface end, extend outwardly from the handle portion and have “a combined surface area approximately equal to the difference between the surface area of

the printer interface portion and the cross-sectional area of the user interface”.

Yamamoto et al. fail to disclose or otherwise suggest such a handle portion with finger stops that are positioned between a printer interface end and a user interface end, extend outwardly from the handle portion and have a combined surface area approximately equal to the difference between the surface area of the printer interface portion and the cross-sectional area of the user interface.

Dependent **Claims 7 and 8** stand rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Yamamoto et al. (US 20030234844 A1) in view of Carrese et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,390,615).

Applicants respectfully request that the rejections be reconsidered and withdrawn given the clarifying amendments to independent claim 1, from which Claims 7 and 8 depend, and for at least the clearly patently differentiating reasons stated above with regard to Claims 1-6.

Both Yamamoto et al. and Carrese et al., alone or in combination, fail to disclose or otherwise suggest finger stops that are positioned between a printer interface end and a user interface end, extend outwardly from the handle portion and have a combined surface area approximately equal to the difference between the surface area of the printer interface portion and the cross-sectional area of the user interface.

Dependent **Claims 13, 14, and 19** stand rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Yamamoto et al. (US 20030234844 A1) in view of Carrese et al.

(U.S. Patent No. 6,390,615) and in further view of Hinami et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,831,652).


Applicants respectfully request that the rejections be reconsidered and withdrawn given the clarifying amendments to independent claim 1, from which Claims 13, 14 and 19 depend, and for at least the clearly patently differentiating reasons stated above with regard to Claims 1-6.

Yamamoto et al., Carrese et al. and Hinami et al., alone or in combination, fail to disclose or otherwise suggest finger stops that are positioned between a printer interface end and a user interface end, extend outwardly from the handle portion and have a combined surface area approximately equal to the difference between the surface area of the printer interface portion and the cross-sectional area of the user interface.

For at least the reasons stated herein, independent **Claim 1** and dependent **Claims 2-8, 13, 14, and 19** which add further limitations thereto, are clearly patentable over the cited art.

Respectfully submitted,

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